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FOR ARA LUERS FROM AMBASSADOR

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TAGS: SHUM, CU, OAS

SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS IN CUBA

1. DURING OUR LUNCH WITH JULIO SCHERER, EDITOR OF EXCELSIOR, HE SPOKE WITH CONSIDERABLE EMOTION OF CURRENT CHILEAN VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. YOU AND I EXPRESSED STRONG SYMPATHY ON THIS POINT. WHEN WE RAISED MATTER OF CASTRO'S MISTREATMENT OF CUBAN PRISONERS, SCHERER SAID THAT WHILE HE WAS AWARE THAT A NUMBER OF PRISONERS EXISTED HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY ALLEGATIONS OF TORTURE OR REAL MISTREATMENT IN THEIR REGARD.

2. IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH SCHERER I TOLD HIM THAT IF MY MEMORY SERVED ME RIGHTLY, AT VARIOUS OAS ASSEMBLIES AND SPECIFICALLY AT THE SAN JOSE MEETING OF 1971 THE ALLENDE CHILEAN DELEGATION REFUSED TO APPROVE THE INTER- AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION REPORT IN VIEW OF THE LATTER'S REFERENCE TO MISTREATMENT OF PRISONERS IN CASTRO CUBA. I CANNOT RECALL WHETHER THE CHILEAN REFUSAL TO APPROVE THE REPORT WAS BASED ON THE GROUNDS THAT THIS WAS INTERFERENCES IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF CUBA OR ON GROUNDS THAT CUBA WAS NOT PRESENT TO DEFEND ITSELF.

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3. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE (A) CURRENT DATA ON CUBAN

PRISONERS AND ON ANY SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS OF RECENT TORTURE OR TRUE MISTREATMENT AND (B) COPIES OF APPROPRIATE PORTIONS OF MINUTES OF SAN JOSE MEETING WHICH WOULD SET FORTH POSITION OF CHILEAN DELEGATION ON IAHRC REPORT, FOR POSSIBLE USE WITH SCHERER AND OTHERS.

4. WE SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THAT DESPITE SCHERER PROTESTATIONS THAT HUMAN RIGHTS AND PROTECTION OF PRISONERS WAS TOP PRIORITY IN HIS MIND, HE HAS A DEVIOUS STREAK AND IS QUITE APT TO IGNORE INFORMATION WHICHE DOES NOT FIT HIS OWN BIASES. IN ANY CASE, AS HE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THIS MATERIAL IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE AT LEAST TO TRY IT OUT ON HIM.  
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